

The HIA Process in Fairmont's Connectivity Plan

- WVDE: WV Development Office
- WVUHRC: West Virginia University Health Research Center
- ASTHO: Association of State and Territorial Health Organizations
- HIA: Health Impact Assessment

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Simultaneous Grant Opportunities

1. Growing Healthy Communities Grant from WVDE to develop a Bicycle/Pedestrian Connectivity Plan in Fairmont
2. WVUHRC awarded a grant from ASTHO to conduct a rapid HIA with matching timeframe

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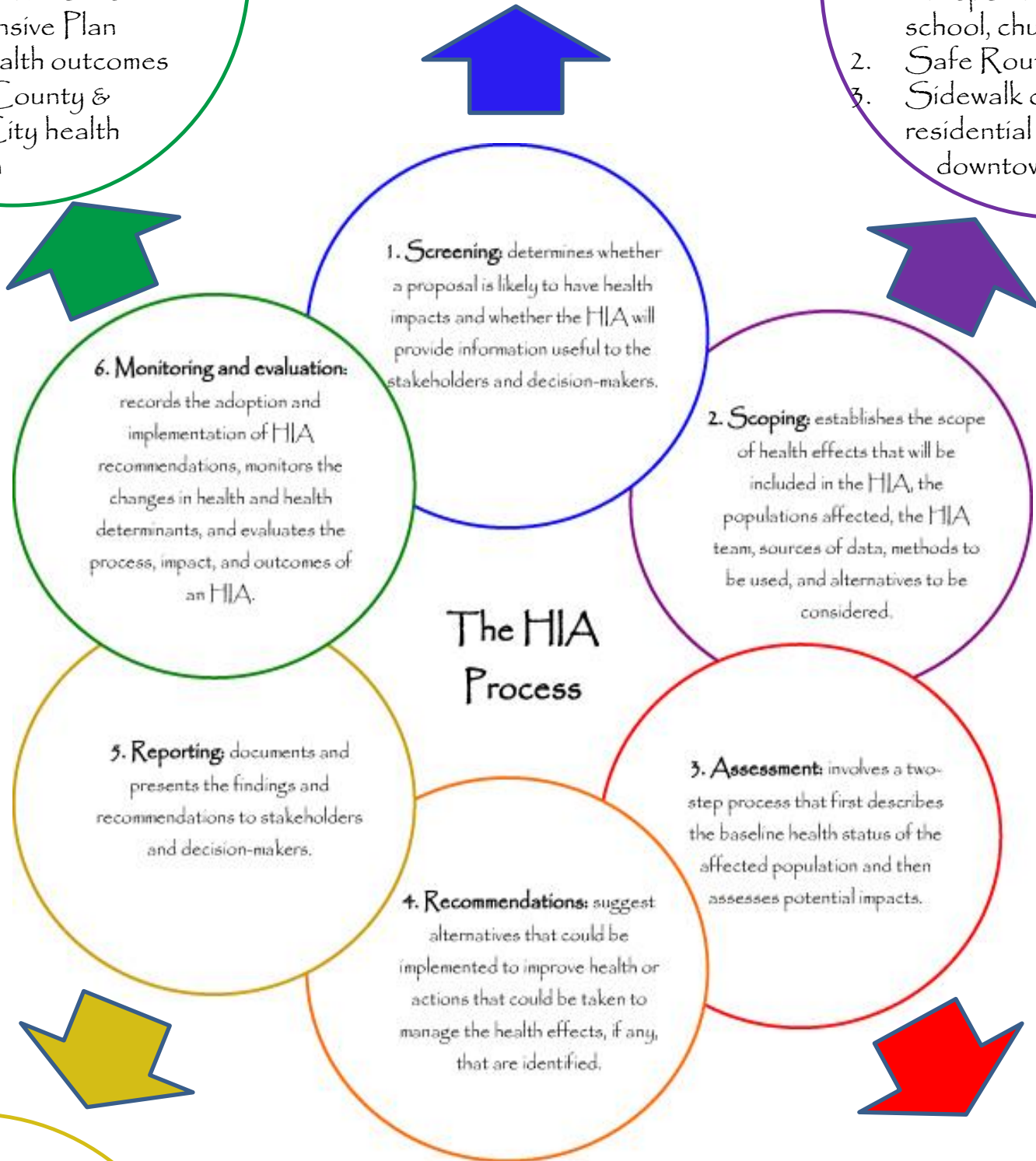
Top 3 Priorities to focus Fairmont HIA

1. Individuals/families who need/prefer to walk for transportation to work, shop, school, church, etc.
2. Safe Routes to Schools
3. Sidewalk connectivity from residential areas to downtown

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Ways to Evaluate

1. Tracking the adoption of mentioned recommendations
2. Monitor decision-making process in Fairmont's Comprehensive Plan
3. Monitor health outcomes in Marion County & Fairmont City health data



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Local & National Reports

2 Regional Conference Presentations

2 Local Stakeholder Meetings

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TOP Recommendations

1. Improve or build sidewalks
2. Improve the businesses and offerings downtown
3. Improve the safety of intersections, crosswalks, and downtown areas through enforcement

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Parents, Community members, Fairmont State University employees and students responded to surveys about walking and biking in Downtown Fairmont and to area schools.